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SUBJECT: TNC PREPARATIONS

1. GATT DG LONG CONVENED 7 PLUS 7 MEETING NOV. 19 TO INITIATE INFORMAL PREPARATION FOR DEC. 9 TNC. DG CONVENED MEETING ON VERY SHORT NOTICE (AND DESPITE OUR URGING HE NOT DO SO UNTIL WE HAD INTERPRETATIVE GUIDANCE ON TRADE-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS AT RAMBOUILLET). DG FELT HE NEEDED APPROVAL FROM 7 PLUS 7 ON TEXT OF GATT AIRGRAM ANNOUNCING TNC MEETING WHICH WILL BE SENT NOV. 21. HE SUGGESTED, AND AFTER SOME DISCUSSION 7 PLUS 7 AGREED, TEXT COULD BE ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL TO GATT/AIR/1100 JUNE 10 WHICH CONVENED JULY TNC, NAMELY "THE MAIN TASKS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE WILL BE (A) TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS AND (B) TO CONSIDER HOW BEST TO CARRY ITS WORK FORWARD."

2. OTHER PROCEDURAL AGREEMENTS REACHED WERE:

A. 7 PLUS 7 SHOULD PLAN TO MEET DEC. 4 AND AGAIN ON DEC. 8 AT 4 P.M. FOR LAST-MINUTE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TO HELP MAKE TNC MEETING AS PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE; AND

B. GROUP AGRICULTURE WILL HAVE TO MEET BEFORE TNC. ON ASSUMPTION EFFORTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO RESOLVE IMPASSE ARE SUCCESSFUL, DG HAS MADE STANDBY ARRANGEMENTS (ROOM AND INTERPRETERS) FOR DEC. 1-5. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, IMPASSE IS NOT RESOLVED SHORTLY, GROUP AGRICULTURE WILL MEET MORE BRIEFLY TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO TNC.

3. IN REPLY DG'S QUERY WHETHER REPS HAD ANY SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS TO PROPOSE FOR TNC, EC (ABBOTT) SUGGESTED TNC COULD GIVE IMPETUS TO NEGOTIATIONS BUT TNC'S MAIN JOB IS TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS SUBMITTED BY GROUPS OR SUBGROUPS; EC HOPED THERE WON'T BE ANY SUCH ISSUES DEC. 9 AND EC CONSEQUENTLY INCLINED TO THINK TNC CAN BE "FAIRLY ROUTINE AND BUSINESSLIKE" AND PROBABLY NEED NOT STRETCH OUT OVER SEVERAL DAYS. ABBOTT'S UNFORTUNATE CHOICE OF WORD "ROUTINE" PROVOKED MANY REPS, ESPECIALLY LDCS, TO CITE WHAT THEY HAVE READ IN NEWSPAPERS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT RAMBOUILLET, IMPLICATIONS THEY READ INTO LATTER FOR SOLVING AGRICULTURAL IMPASSE, AND QUESTIONED IF TNC COULD BE "ROUTINE" UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. ABBOTT FINALLY SAID ROUTINE PROBABLY NOT RIGHT WORD BUT WHAT HE MEANT WAS NO FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN DIRECTION OF MTN WORK PROGRAM SEEMED NECESSARY.

4. COMMENT: THIS MEETING WAS CLEARLY PREMATURE

AND UNNECESSARY. THERE WILL BE AMPLE TIME FOR U.S.
TO INFLUENCE SCENARIO FOR TNC VIA BILATERALS
NEXT WEEK AND RESUMPTION OF 7 PLUS 7 DEC. 4.CULBERT

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